

Urges passage of bill as suspicion over Iran's nuclear project grows

Washington DC - Today, Congressman John Adler sent a letter to Chairman Howard Berman, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, urging his committee to pass The Iran Refined Petroleum Sanctions Act of 2009. Congressman Adler is a cosponsor of the bill that would reinforce American diplomacy by imposing economic sanctions on companies that provide Iran with petroleum products.

"The United States, Israel and the rest of the world cannot afford to have a nuclear-armed Iran," Congressman Adler wrote in the letter. "This is a critically important national security issue. Keeping our communities and families safe has to be our top priority."

With the recent discovery of a second uranium enrichment facility at Qom, the threat of a 'nuclear Iran' is higher than ever before. In the letter to Chairman Berman, Congressman Adler argued that America must prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear power to protect national security and further instability in the Middle East. The committee must pass the bill in order to hold a vote on the House floor.

The complete text of the letter to Chairman Berman is below.

October 5, 2009

Honorable Howard L. Berman
Chairman
House Committee on Foreign Affairs
2170 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Berman:

As the House Committee on Foreign Affairs continues the important work of safeguarding America's national security interests and keeping Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons, I urge your Committee to pass H.R. 2194, The Iran Refined Petroleum Sanctions Act of 2009. This important bill, which I have proudly cosponsored, would reinforce American diplomacy by imposing economic sanctions on companies that provide Iran with petroleum products.

This legislation is needed now. With the recent discovery of a second uranium enrichment facility at Qom, the threat of a 'nuclear Iran' is higher than ever before. Another secret facility reveals Iran's increased nuclear capacity and their intent to deceive the international community. I am concerned that Iran is also working on additional nuclear projects unknown to the United States. This is a critically important national security issue, since a nuclear-armed Iran would further destabilize the Middle East.

The United States, Israel and the rest of the world cannot afford to have a nuclear-armed Iran. Accordingly, I respectfully request your Committee's support in passing H.R. 2194, The Iran Refined Petroleum Sanctions Act of 2009, which will allow the bill to come to the floor of the House of Representatives for a vote.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue, and look forward to working with you to advance this legislation in Congress.

Sincerely,

John Adler
Member of Congress